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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the final Office Action on the merits mailed October 18, 2004, having a shortened period for reply of three (3) months, due to expire January 18, 2005, be extended for a period of three (3) months from January 18, 2005, to April 18, 2005, to permit timely filing of the Amendment/Response to the Advisory Action enclosed herewith.

In the event that an additional extension of time is required, Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the required fee, if applicable, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447.